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Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF) Mark Francesco from Atlantic City, New Jersey, Naval Aircrewman 1st Class (AW/SW) Jesse Peterson from Ridgecrest, California, serving at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington, and Master-at-Arms 1st Class (SW/AW) Guadalupe Gonzales-Quintana from Los Angeles, serving at Fleet Activities Okinawa, Japan, toured sites in Washington D. C. as regional finalists for Sailor of the Year. Francesco was selected from among 70 installation Sailor of the Years to earn the prestigious award and will now compete for the Navy-wide Sailor of the Year competition next month where he'll compete against 30 other Sailor nominees.

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COMMANDER'S CORNER



Vice Adm. Dixon R. Smith

Team CNIC,

The New Year has really taken off and we are already seeing the entire enterprise fully invested in supporting the Fleet, Fighter, and Family around the globe. This month we kicked off our annual collaborative force protection annual exercise, Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield. I encourage all involved to use the scenarios imbedded in this exercise to continue to hone our security posture and capabilities.

Moving through 2016 we will continue to do what's necessary to meet the FY16 objectives utilizing and embracing the Guiding Principles as we go about our daily routines to meet mission requirements. Customer service is paramount and that includes what we do to support one another within our own staffs and departments. I appreciate the work you do each day, striving to be your best so that the Fleet, our Sailors and their families have the support they need to keep our Navy strong.

Recently, the Secretary of Defense Ash Carter issued ongoing guidance with respect to DoD's Force of the Future campaign. The shore enterprise continues to be one of the key organizations that supports and executes these efforts,

which are outlined below. I encourage you to talk with your supervisors and staffs about what we are able to bring to the table to support these priorities set forth by the Secretary. Each and every one of us has a role to play and we owe it to our Navy Sailors and their families to ensure that we operationalize our good ideas that enable these important initiatives.

- A DoD-wide Maternity Leave policy/standard of 12 weeks for new mothers
- Commitment to seek legislative authority to expand paternity and adoption leave
- A pilot program within the purchase care network for Egg and Sperm Freezing
- Expanded hours at CDCs, creating a new, 14-hour minimum standard
- Seeking additional legislative authority to stabilize Service members at posts for family reasons
- Installing or modifying mothers' rooms at military installations

For further information on the Force of the Future program, please visit www.defense.gov

I want to share a very bright spot that helped kick off the New Year - it was truly an honor to host the Navy Installations Command Sailor of the Year celebration here at the headquarters last month. I'd like to again publicly offer my congratulations to our Shore Sailor of the Year, HM1 (FMF) Mark Francesco, from Camp Lemonnier, who will now go on to compete in the next round of Navy's Sailor of the Year program. We wish him much success in this competition. Along with the other two finalists, AW1(AW/SW) Jesse Peterson from NAS Whidbey Island and MA1(SW/AW) Guadalupe Gonzales-Quintana from Fleet Activities Okinawa, they represent the absolute finest CNIC has to offer.

Also, congratulations to our region commanders in Mid-Atlantic, Rear Admiral Ricky Williamson, and Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia (EURAFSWA), Rear Admiral Jack Scorby, who will swap duty assignments in March of this year. I look forward to seeing them during my travels to EURAFSWA for their change of command and to again set eyes on the tremendous work being done by the CNIC team overseas.

I am proud each and every day to work with you in serving this great Navy and nation.

Kiki and I send you our best for a successful, healthy and happy New Year.

All the best,

VADM Dixon R. Smith

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Navy Installations Command Recognizes Top Sailor

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class John Belanger, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) announced the CNIC 2015 Sailor of the Year (SOY) during a ceremony held at CNIC headquarters at the historic Washington Navy Yard, Jan. 21.

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF) Mark Francesco from Atlantic City, New Jersey, was selected from among 70 installation SOYs to earn the prestigious award.

Francesco, the nominee assigned to Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia, was among three finalists who went before the SOY board conducted by a panel of senior enlisted leaders. Each Sailor's service record was scrutinized carefully, evaluating the Sailor on educational accomplishments, physical fitness standards, academic test scores and participation in civic and community activities. The other two candidates who competed for the award were Naval Aircrewman 1st Class (AW/SW) Jesse Peterson from Ridgecrest, California, serving at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington, and Master-at-Arms 1st Class (SW/AW) Guadalupe Gonzales-Quintana from Los Angeles, serving at Fleet Activities Okinawa, Japan.

"They are all extremely honorable," said Vice Admiral Dixon R. Smith, Commander, Navy Installations Command. "None of them attributed their success to themselves, but they attributed their success to their shipmates and those they are charged to lead. They all noted that they found one of the keys to success was 'leadership by example,' and it's obvious in them day-in and day-out."

Force Master Chief for CNIC, An-

drew Thompson, added, "I can tell you that the competition was really tough. They were all that good and deserving of the opportunity, but they all really do have the ability and opportunity every day to take charge of each Sailor, and there is no greater recognition than that. That in itself is what it is all about."

Francesco has served in the Navy for more than 12 years. He began his career in Recruit Training, Great Lakes. Attending hospital corpsman "A" school, he graduated top of his class, which earned him immediate advancement to petty officer 3rd class. His following assignments have taken him all over the world, serving in California, Japan, Afghanistan and Djibouti, where he's currently stationed.

"To know that I had the opportunity to help people, to lead them, to

save lives and surely make a difference getting people home safe and healthy, that's all the reward that I ever needed," said Francesco. "The gratification that, as a leader, I had an impact on their life moving forward. To me, that's what it's all about, that's what being a first class is about, it's what Sailor of the Year is all about and that's quite an experience."

Francesco's personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (4 awards), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and numerous unit and campaign awards.

Francesco will now compete for the Navy Shore Activities SOY competition next month where he'll compete against 30 other shore activity Sailor nominees.



WASHINGTON — Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Mark Francesco, from Atlantic City, N.J. receives a trophy from Vice Adm. Dixon Smith, commander of Navy Installations Command (CNIC) for his selection as 2015 CNIC Sailor of the Year. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class John Belanger/Released)

Ethics Corner

The Godfather

A former Department of Defense employee used to refer to himself as “The Godfather” because of his ability to influence the awarding of construction contracts. However, like all great crime bosses, this employee was arrested for extorting a \$10,000 bribe. The Godfather accepted a \$10,000 installment of a \$40,000 bribe from an undercover agent in an attempt to secure a flooring contract. The Godfather was taken into custody.



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Great Green Fleet Sets Sail

SAN DIEGO — The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Stockdale (DDG 106), departs Naval Base San Diego as part of the Great Green Fleet. The Great Green Fleet is an initiative optimizing energy use to increase optimal range, endurance and payload, turning energy into a force multiplier. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Will Gaskill/Released)



Navy Program Extending Childcare and Fitness Hours Proves Successful

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class John Belanger, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) is continuing to expand hours in its child development centers and fitness centers to include 10 additional Navy installations by March and expects a roll-out to all installations by December.

In April, CNIC implemented a pilot program to provide greater services to support Sailors and their families at three installations. These installations were chosen because of the highest concentration of personnel with work requirements beyond the normal work day. The program was implemented first at Naval Base Kitsap in Bremerton, Washington, Joint Expeditionary Base in Little Creek, Virginia, and Naval Base Coronado in San Diego.

"The need has been identified to extend hours to give families a better opportunity for things like flexible work schedules, more opportunities for education, fitness opportunities and things of that nature," said Greg Young, Navy Child and Youth Program director.

CNIC will continue to roll out expanded hours at other installations with the goal of being complete by the end of this year in accordance with secretary of the Navy's (SECNAV) Talent Management Initiative release in June, 2015.

The 10 additional locations are:

- Naval Support Activity Midsouth, Millington, Tennessee
- Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas
- Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida

- Naval Base Coronado, California
- Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada
- Submarine Base New London, Connecticut
- Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, Virginia
- Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan
- Naval Technical Training Command Corry Station, Pensacola, Florida
- Metro San Diego Child Development Home Program (select homes)

"We are expanding now to 10 additional locations based on the pilots we have been running," said Young. "We are opening those locations up to 14 hours per day from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. based on utilization from initial pilot sites."

Demand will be monitored to de-

termine if there is a need to go up to 16 hours, added Young.

"Approximately one fourth of the enrolled families have been using the extended hours," said Young. "Between the hours of 5 a.m. to 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. are the most utilized."

CNIC has already extended the hours of their fitness centers at all their installations. The centers are authorized to be open up to 118 hours a week to meet customer demand since October.

"Right now that program is considered fully implemented," said James Baker, CNIC's Fleet Readiness Program director. "We are meeting the Navy's Talent Management Initiative set forth by SECNAV to make sure the facilities are open to satisfy the customer's demands."



JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — (left to right) Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Nicholas Ullrich, Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Juan Hernandez, and Charlene Rees, all of Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville's Wellness Center, give apple snacks to kids at Naval Air Station Jacksonville's Child Development Center. (U.S. Navy photo by Jacob Sippel, Naval Hospital Jacksonville Public Affairs/Released)



SafeTips from the Naval Safety Center

Quick and easy summaries to find out about something new you're doing or as a refresher for something you haven't done in a while. They're a great training tool to pass around at meetings, through e-mail, or post on bulletin boards.

More than one in three Americans use fireplaces, wood stoves and other fuel-burning appliances as the primary way to heat their homes. Many people are unaware of the fire risks when heating with wood and solid fuels. Heating fires account for 36 percent of residential home fires in rural areas every year. Often these fires are due to creosote buildup in chimneys and stove-pipes.

Do's and Don'ts

- Don't use gasoline to start a fire. Use paper, kindling and dry wood.
- Use a screen to keep sparks from popping out of the fireplace.
- Make sure that floor coverings and furniture are far enough away from the fireplace.
- Make sure the flue is clean and open, and that the damper works. Open the damper before starting a fire.
- Don't use your fireplace as an incinerator for trash.
- Make sure the fire is out before you leave it alone or go to bed.
- Dispose of ashes in a metal bucket or other metal container. Make sure they are cool.
- Install smoke detectors and make sure they work.
- Keep a 5-pound fire extinguisher on hand. It should be rated for A-B-C fires, and you should know how to use it.
- Don't use water to extinguish a fire. It can crack the bricks in your hearth. Let the fire burn itself out.
- When burning artificial logs, burn only one at a time. They produce too much concentrated heat for some types of fireplaces.
- Have a chimney sweep inspect and clean your chimney at least once a year.

www.public.navy.mil/comnavsafecen/pages/media/index-safetips.aspx



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Wounded Warriors Introduced to Adaptive Athletics During Training Camp

By Shannon Leonard, special contributor to Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

More than 40 seriously wounded, ill and injured Sailors and Coast Guardsmen - including 20 first timers - traveled to Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC), California, Jan. 16 to participate in the first Navy Wounded Warrior - Safe Harbor (NWW) adaptive sports camp of the year.

The five-day camp introduced athletes to swimming, seated volleyball, wheelchair basketball, archery, shooting, and track and field.

"The NWW adaptive sports team is very excited to kick off the 2016 season," said Navy Wounded Warrior - Safe Harbor Adaptive Sports and Recreation Lead Megan Haydel. "The camp athletes hope from here to go on to try out for our 2016 Warrior Games Navy team at our trials in Hawaii, Feb. 21-26.

"However, this event is about more than just sports," continued Haydel. "These camps offer our recovering wounded, ill, and injured service members an opportunity to connect with their fellow injured Sailors and Coast Guardsmen. Many of them haven't felt like they've been part of team since they were injured or became ill. Our adaptive sports program gives them a place to feel at home. Whether they are elite athletes in their sport or novices trying out for the first time, every one of them will be welcomed to the group and will be part of the NWW program for life."

NWW coordinates the non-medical care of seriously wounded, ill and injured Sailors and Coast Guardsmen, and provides resources

and support to their families. NWW offers individually-tailored assistance to ensure enrollees' successful recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration.

Adaptive athletic reconditioning - athletic activities that are modified to meet abilities of injured or ill individuals - are an essential component of their recovery and rehabilitation plans. The proven benefits of adaptive athletics include greater self-esteem, lower stress levels, and fewer secondary medical conditions.

"I have always been an athlete for my entire life, and now since my injury, I can no longer play certain sports," said Operations Specialist 3rd Class Melissa Klotz. "Participation in adaptive athletics is a way for me to have a quality of life and release from the miserable hole I was in. This is only the first day of camp and everyone here is super awesome. The coaches are really knowledgeable and friendly. I am looking forward to the rest of the week."

Klotz suffered hip and traumatic brain (TBI) injuries when she fell during a training exercise on deployment. She had a complete hip replacement six months ago and she continues to suffer from nerve and muscle damage. She is a NWW enrollee currently stationed at Naval Station San Diego, and the recent camp was her first experience with adaptive athletics.

Musician 3rd Class Abbie Johnson, who is also attending her first camp, is currently stationed in Hawaii and suffers from Post-

Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

"Today went really well and I had a great time," said Johnson. "I tried some sports that I was a little rusty on. It was good to do some reconditioning such as working on my sprinting as opposed to long distance running. I met a ton of great people today. Everyone here is so accepting, and it is nice to be in a place where we all understand each other. The coaches were really motivating. I want to make the Navy team for the Warrior Games, and I am going to give it my all! It is great to still feel like I am part of a team, especially since I am in the process of transitioning out of the Navy.

Brittany Jordan retired from the Navy last year. She is visually impaired and suffers from TBI.

"I love the camp, they have different things for everyone," said Jordan. "The instructors here are amazing. They really care and want to help you. I came to camp because I needed to get off the couch and do something. I wanted to meet new people who are in my predicament and just have some fun. Since being here, I have met so many people from different backgrounds, and I am having a blast. During swimming, I was so blown away at how well I did. I am excited to continue participating in adaptive sports. It's just great!"

Shannon Leonard is a contributing writer for the Navy Wounded Warrior - Safe Harbor program under Navy Installations Command.

Adaptive Athletics Training Camp Naval Base Ventura County, Calif.



Navy Wounded Warriors listen to their coach during the wheelchair basketball training session at the adaptive athletics training camp at Naval Base Ventura County. (U.S. Navy photo by Shannon Leonard/Released)



Navy Wounded Warriors work on their sitting volleyball skills during the first adaptive athletics training camp of the year at Naval Base Ventura County. (U.S. Navy photo by Shannon Leonard/Released)



Navy Wounded Warrior Operations Specialist 3rd Class Melissa Klotz practices archery during the adaptive athletics training camp at Naval Base Ventura County. (U.S. Navy photo by Shannon Leonard/Released)



Navy Wounded Warrior Musician 3rd Class Abbie Johnson gets fitted on her upright road bike by her coach, Stuart Ellington, during the adaptive athletics training camp at Naval Base Ventura County. She hopes to go on to try out for our 2016 Warrior Games Navy team at our trials in Hawaii, Feb. 21-26. (U.S. Navy photo by Shannon Leonard/Released)



Visually impaired Navy Wounded Warrior Brittany Jordan and her pilot, coach Stuart Ellington, ride around Naval Base Ventura County on the upright bike for two during the adaptive athletics training camp. (U.S. Navy photo by Shannon Leonard/Released)



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OAK HARBOR, Wash. — Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Scott Johnson apprehends a suspect during an active shooter drill at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island as part of exercise Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield. This annual exercise assesses the command readiness to respond to potential threats on or near naval installations. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Caleb Cooper/Released)

The 2015 Health, Safety and Fitness winners by category are:

Shore Command Category:

- ◆ Small: USS Constitution
- ◆ Medium: Navy Medicine Professional Development Center, Bethesda, Maryland
- ◆ Large: Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center, North Chicago, Illinois

Overseas Category:

- ◆ Small: Commander Fleet Activities, Chinhae
- ◆ Large: U.S. Naval Hospital, Guam

Sea Category:

- ◆ Small: Coastal Riverine Group One Detachment, Guam
- ◆ Medium: Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 23
- ◆ Large: PCU Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78)

Commands receiving honorable mentions include:

- ◆ Small Shore Command: Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific
- ◆ Medium Shore Command: Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Florida
- ◆ Large Shore Command: Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, Georgia
- ◆ Medium Sea Command: USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19)



Camp Lemonnier Undergoes First ROWPU Filter Upgrade

By Desiree V. Woodman, Camp Lemonnier Public Affairs

Most Americans don't think twice about turning the faucet on for a cold drink of water. In the Horn of Africa, at Camp Lemonnier, water is always on the mind of the 4,000 U.S. service members forward deployed to Djibouti, Africa.

With the recent upgrade of the camp's Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Unit (ROWPU), the camp is now producing more fresh water to take care of the daily needs of personnel.

The ROWPU system allows Camp Lemonnier (CLDJ) to produce its own water from an aquifer that rests underneath the camp. There are three wells that can pump 800,000 gallons of raw water each day from the aquifer.

Here's how the process works. The water from the three wells is pumped into one of four reverse osmosis (RO) units, each capable of producing 100,000 gallons of drinking water per day. This raw water is fed from the wells to the plant and passes through a complicated system of multimedia and granular activated carbon tanks, which capture impurities up to 10 microns in size, and then through smaller cartridge filters that capture impurities up to 5 microns in size. This complex system of pre-filters remove a variety of impurities before the high pressure pumps push the water through membranes to achieve reverse osmosis. Each RO Unit contains seven vessels containing four membranes each, and a pressure of 300 pounds per square inch is required to push the water through.

In the past, the ROWPU was using brine membranes, which

cleaned the water to the point that 45 percent of the water was safe for drinking. In order to produce more drinking water, the camp changed to salt water filters, which has increased productivity, efficiency and total output.

"We will be able to produce more product water while taking less water out of the ground," Petty Officer 1st Class Joe Gugala, a construction mechanic assigned to CLDJ's Public Works Department said. "These new membranes will allow us to increase our efficiency from 45 percent to 60 percent meaning, we will be able to produce at a 60 to 40 split with 60 being potable and 40 being reject water."

Camp Lemonnier's proximity to the ocean causes salt water to impose on the aquifer. The new membranes are now salt water membranes and will increase the amount of fresh water produced for use throughout the base and will create less stress on the aquifer.

"We upgraded one RO membrane every other day," Gugala said. "Four units, in four days, with approximately four to six hours of work each day. With the increase in production and the quantity of water being consumed, if one unit were to go down for any reason, the remaining three units will be able to produce the quantity of water required to sustain the Camp. It's a redundant system."

Additionally the well pumps were upgraded from a 25- to a 50-horsepower pump. This change has created less stress on the wells, making it easier to pump water through while creating less running time for

the plant. Furthermore, the upgrade from cast iron to stainless steel pumps makes it very unlikely that the pumps will need to be changed anytime soon. Bottom line, stainless steel pumps are going to last longer.

"It only take a day or two to realize the improvement in production," Gugala said. "The system is monitored on a daily basis so we have been able to see the true savings of this procedure."

So far, the preliminary data received has shown a drastic improvement in not only the quantity, but also quality of the water as well.

Sanitary surveys are performed every three years to identify changes for the betterment of the water plant and the distribution system for the camp. There is a redundant system in place to check on the quality and safety of the water that includes the camp's environmental unit and preventative medicine unit. The water plant also has its own fully functional laboratory and staff that perform hourly testing while the plant is in operation. The lab staff also pulls 20 random water samples per day around the camp to ensure the water quality meets the highest standards required by America Water Works Association and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standards. In addition, 20 bacteriological tests are performed each week.

For service members stationed in Djibouti, where the summertime temperature hovers over 100 degrees every day, they can rest assured that when they need a cool drink, the water from their taps is both safe and refreshing.

Wounded Warrior Training Camp

NAVAL BASE VENTURA COUNTY, Calif. — Navy Wounded Warriors learn how to cycle safely during their track training session at the adaptive athletics camp on Naval Base Ventura County. (U.S. Navy photo by Shannon Leonard/Released)



The Qualities of our Guiding Principles

- **Take Customer Service to the Next Level**
 - Responsive, Selfless, Humble, Caring, Respect
- **Be Brilliant on the Basics**
 - Committed, Knowledgeable, Responsible
- **Make Smart Business Decisions**
 - Accountable, Quality, Excellence in Execution, Integrity, Transparent
- **Live a Culture of Continuous Improvement**
 - Innovation, Communication, Performance, Proactive, Passionate
- **Represent Navy to the Surrounding Community**
 - Citizenship, Respect for Diversity, Teamwork, Honesty, Caring

What we should strive for daily!



Navy Region Japan: Providing Great Liberty Options for Junior Sailors

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Richard Gourley, CNJF Public Affairs

The nation of Japan has a complex and beautiful culture, from the bustle and modernity of Tokyo to the majesty of Mount Fuji. Incredible food, warm people, samurai and shogun are all part of the allure. To ensure that Japan-based Sailors have a chance to experience all the country has to offer, Commander, Navy Region Japan (CNRJ) and its Fleet and Family Readiness (N9) directorate created the Bluejacket Liberty Program.

The region-wide program focuses on providing free or reduced price recreational events to Sailors in paygrades E-4 and below, or “bluejackets.”

Bluejackets stationed in Japan who participate in the program are able to enjoy a wide variety of experiences in the region of Japan in which they are stationed, according to Tom Moriarity, CNRJ’s N9 director. Fleet Activities Yokosuka’s Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) department offers trips to famous cities and attractions all around Japan, including the culturally-rich city of Kyoto

and tours of Mt. Fuji. Sailors at Naval Air Facility Misawa can go skiing and snowboarding, while Sailors stationed at Fleet Activities Okinawa may enjoy scuba diving and many other water-based activities.

“The Bluejacket Liberty Program is part of an overall effort to reinvigorate the MWR program in Japan,” said Moriarity. “By making an investment in these recreation opportunities, we are giving our Sailors a much more positive way to spend their time in Japan, which we think will help minimize destructive behaviors.”

This investment in Japan-based Sailors is significant. In FY15, Sailors have saved \$895,000 in recreation costs, including free movies and substantially discounted costs for tours, outdoor excursions and sporting events. According to Moriarity, the experiences offered are based on focus groups, in which Sailors tell Region Japan officials which type of MWR experiences they favor.

“We listen to our customers, and so far, the feedback has been over-

whelmingly positive,” Moriarity said.

“I’ve done rock climbing and signed up for surfing. It’s a really good program, you can go out and do all of this fun stuff and see Japan for pretty cheap,” said Hospitalman Jacob Teter, of Naval Hospital Yokosuka.

According to Navy Region Japan Command Master Chief Joe Fahrney, the goal of the program is to give Sailors fun activities which aren’t centered on alcohol, and introduce them to Sailors from different commands with similar interests.

“The real benefit to me, which I see across the region, is the networks of Sailors with like interests that have developed because of this program. These Sailors tend to form peer groups who are very like-minded and are good resources for them,” said Fahrney.

Electronics Technician 3rd Class David White, a USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) Sailor, agreed. “I think these sorts of events are really important for us [junior sailors]. When higher-ups get orders here, chances are they will already know other people here or have their mess to help them get around. This sort of group does that for us,” he said.

While Fahrney says there is no empirical data which shows the liberty program is behind it, since the program’s inception in 2014 Navy Region Japan has seen a significant decrease in alcohol-related liberty incidents for E1-E4.

“In 25 years in the Navy this is one of the most successful programs I’ve seen,” Fahrney said. “We have people who have been working hard to entertain, in a healthy and productive way, our most junior sailors.”



TOKYO — Logistics Specialist Seaman Recruit Robert Moore, from Denver (left), and Logistics Specialist Jamel Bass, from Coldspring, Texas, pose in front of a custom Lamborghini Huracan at the Tokyo Auto Salon 2016. The two Sailors were part of a Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Blue Jacket’s Liberty tour. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Richard L.J. Gourley/Released)

PrepareAthon is a Success for National Preparedness Month

September 2015 saw a successful National Preparedness Month/America's PrepareAthon! campaign. Region installations played a crucial role in ensuring our service members, civilians, and family members were better informed and more prepared for emergency situations that they may encounter.

Naval Base Kitsap, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Naval Air Station Oceana, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and Naval Base San Diego have been recognized by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Global Security) as embodying the best of what Departments of Defense and the Navy accomplished to raise awareness of individual, family, and workplace preparedness. The emergency management teams at these installations displayed great efforts and were deserving of recognition for their participation in this campaign.

Successful emergency management programs requires teamwork, partnerships, community engagement, innovation, and strong relationships across the whole community. Their collective ability to support the nation through a well-prepared workforce is an essential component of national preparedness.

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